shops in Optimal Transport: Geometry and Dynamics and Mathematical General Relativity during the fall of 2013. Established researchers, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students are invited to apply for funding. It is the policy of MSRI to actively seek to achieve diversity in its workshops. Thus a strong effort is made to remove barriers that hinder equal opportunity, particularly for those groups that have been historically underrepresented in the mathematical sciences. The workshops to be held are as follows:

**August 22–23, 2013:** Connections for Women Workshop on Optimal Transport: Geometry and Dynamics. Website: [http://www.msri.org/web/msri/scientific/workshops/programmatic-workshops/show/-/event/Wm9225](http://www.msri.org/web/msri/scientific/workshops/programmatic-workshops/show/-/event/Wm9225).

**August 26–August 30, 2013:** Introductory Workshop on Optimal Transport: Geometry and Dynamics. Website: [http://www.msri.org/web/msri/scientific/workshops/programmatic-workshops/show/-/event/Wm9226](http://www.msri.org/web/msri/scientific/workshops/programmatic-workshops/show/-/event/Wm9226).

**September 3–4, 2013:** Connections for Women: Mathematical General Relativity. Website: [http://www.msri.org/web/msri/scientific/workshops/programmatic-workshops/show/-/event/Wm9551](http://www.msri.org/web/msri/scientific/workshops/programmatic-workshops/show/-/event/Wm9551).


**November 18–22, 2013:** Initial Data and Evolution Problems in General Relativity. Website: [http://www.msri.org/web/msri/scientific/workshops/programmatic-workshops/show/-/event/Wm9554](http://www.msri.org/web/msri/scientific/workshops/programmatic-workshops/show/-/event/Wm9554).

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### Inside the AMS

**AMS-AAAS Mass Media Fellow Chosen**

Anna Haensch has been awarded the 2013 American Mathematical Society’s Mass Media Fellowship. Anna will earn her Ph.D. in mathematics from Wesleyan University in May 2013 and will work at National Public Radio for ten weeks this summer.

The Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellowship program is organized by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). It is a very competitive program designed to improve public understanding of science and technology by placing advanced science, mathematics, and engineering students in newsrooms nationwide. Fellows work with media professionals to improve their communication skills and increase their understanding of the editorial process by which events and ideas become news.

The program is available to college or university students (in their senior years or in any graduate or postgraduate level) in the natural, physical, health, engineering, computer, or social sciences or mathematics with outstanding written and oral communication skills and a strong interest in learning about the media. The program has supported more than five hundred fellows over thirty years.

For more information on the AAAS Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellowship Program, visit the website [http://www.aaas.org/programs/education/MassMedia/](http://www.aaas.org/programs/education/MassMedia/).

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**Fan China Exchange Program Names Awardees**

The Society’s Fan China Exchange Program awards grants to support collaborations between Chinese and U.S. or Canadian researchers. Institutions in the United States or Canada apply for the funds to support a visitor from China or vice versa. This funding is made possible through a generous gift made to the AMS by Ky and Yu-Fen Fan in 1999. The awardees for 2013 follow.

Michigan State University received a grant of US$5,000 to support a visit from Yongxia Hua, Harbin Institute of Technology.

Wayne State University received a grant of US$5,000 to support a visit from Yu Qiao, Shaanxi Normal University.
Erdős Memorial Lecture

The Erdős Memorial Lecture is an annual invited address named for the prolific mathematician Paul Erdős (1913–1996). The lectures are supported by a fund created by Andrew Beal, a Dallas banker and mathematics enthusiast. The Beal Prize Fund, now US$100,000, is being held by the AMS until it is awarded for a correct solution to the Beal Conjecture (see http://www.math.unt.edu/~mauldin/beal.html). At Mr. Beal’s request, the interest from the fund is used to support the Erdős Memorial Lecture.

The first Erdős Memorial Lecturer for 2013 was ENDRE SZEMERÉDI of Rutgers University and the Rényi Institute of Mathematics, who gave a lecture in April 2013 titled “On Subset Sums” at the Spring Central Section Meeting at Iowa State University.

The second 2013 Erdős Memorial Lecturer will be BARRY MAZUR of Harvard University. He will deliver a lecture at the Fall Eastern Section Meeting at Temple University in October 2013.

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e-Mentoring Network in the Mathematical Sciences. This new AMS blog is edited by Ricardo Cortez (Tulane University) and Dagan Karp (Harvey Mudd College). Its goals are to reach and engage as many readers as possible, especially those who may not have sufficient mentoring at their current institution, and to connect students and mentors. Contributing bloggers will be Erika Camacho (Arizona State University), Rebecca Garcia (Sam Houston State University), Edray Goins (Purdue University), Herbert Medina (Loyola Marymount University), Talithia Williams (Harvey Mudd College), and Robin Wilson (Cal Poly Pomona). Members of the mathematics community are invited to comment on the blogs.


Erik Demaine (MIT) delighted more than 150 New York-area high school students with his lecture “Algorithms Meet Art, Puzzles, and Magic” at the National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) in New York in April. Demaine showed the students many connections between mathematics and art, puzzles, and magic. Both Glen Whitney, the museum’s director who welcomed audience members, and David Pollack (Wesleyan University), 2012 chair of the Arnold Ross Lecture Series Committee, who introduced Demaine, are former participants in the Young Scholars Program. Following the lecture, eight of the students, six of whom were female, played Who Wants to Be a Mathematician. Eric Schneider, a senior at High Technology High School in New Jersey, was the big winner, winning US$3,000. His classmate, Cynthia Guo, who is a sophomore, finished second and won US$500. Read more about the lecture and game at www.ams.org/arl2013.

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University of Central Florida received a grant of US$5,000 to support a visit from Xing Liang, University of Science and Technology of China.

The department of each visitor will receive a grant of US$1,000 after the visit.

For information about the Fan China Exchange Program, visit the website http://www.ams.org/programs/travel-grants/china-exchange/china-exchange or contact the AMS Membership and Programs Department, email: chinaexchange@ams.org, telephone 401-455-4170 (within the U.S. call 800-321-4267, ext. 4170).

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